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## WARM DEBATE IN HOUSE

Lamar of Florida Stirs Up  
Representatives.

BY READING CLIPPING

Explaining Why Shackelford and  
Himself Were Left  
Off.

THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Williams, the Minority Leader of the  
House Stopped Proceedings Before  
Revelations in the Nature of Criti-  
cism Were Made.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Williams, min-  
ority leader of the House "stepped on  
the lid" today just in time to prevent  
revelations in the nature of open criti-  
cism of the committee assignments of  
his colleagues for which he is respon-  
sible.

An incident followed the announce-  
ment of the committees. Lamar, of  
Florida, submitted a newspaper clip-  
ping purporting to quote Williams to  
the effect that Lamar and Shackelford  
(Missouri), had been left off the inter-  
state and foreign commerce committee  
because they failed to follow the Demo-  
cratic caucus action at the last session  
on the railroad rate bill. Speaker  
Cannon suggested that the statement  
read, did not constitute a question of  
personal privilege which entitled Lamar  
to the floor.

"The gentlemen might proceed by un-  
animous consent," suggested Payne.  
"How much time does he want; an  
hour?"

It was here Williams strode forward  
from his seat in the rear. He hailed  
the Speaker with a word and gesture  
and when he got his eye, he reserved  
his right to object only long enough to  
make a statement:

"In the interest of Democratic har-  
mony, fairness and of the general good  
will, which will not be promoted by  
washing Democratic linen for the  
amusement of Republicans or the  
House, I object."

Immediately the question became in-  
teresting. Lamar faced Williams, who  
stood close to him and charged him with  
taking the matter into the newspapers.  
Shackelford was on his feet vainly de-  
manding to ask a question and many  
Democrats applauded the stand taken  
by Williams.

Lamar demanded that Williams call  
a Democratic caucus tomorrow or allow  
him to proceed. Speaker Cannon with-  
held his gavel vigorously and declared  
everybody out of order and in the midst  
of the confusion recognized Payne for  
a motion to adjourn, which he declared  
carried and the session was over until  
Wednesday.

FOR FREE TRADE.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Mc-  
Creary today introduced a bill provid-  
ing for unqualified free trade between  
the United States and the Philippines.

## NARROW ESCAPE OF GERMAN STEAMER LOADED WITH OIL

Seattle, Dec. 11.—Fire started in the  
after hold of the German tramp steam-  
er *Marlechen* in which was stored 20-  
000 cases of kerosene oil at 6.30 o'clock  
tonight, but prompt action by the fire

REVOLUTION OR COERCION.

London, Dec. 11.—The correspondent  
of the Daily Mail at St. Petersburg in  
a dispatch dated December 10th sends  
an interview with Witte in which the  
premier indicates that Russia is con-  
fronted with the alternative of a rev-  
olution or violent coercion. Though  
the count has not abandoned hope he  
is not sanguine and if forcible repres-  
sion becomes necessary he will, accord-  
ing to the correspondent, resign his  
task to other hands.

OREGON MEN NAMED.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Among the ap-  
pointees to the various committees an-  
nounced today by Speaker Cannon are:  
Merchant Marine and Fisheries,  
Humphrey, of Washington.

Elections No. 3, Humphrey, of Wash-  
ington.

Rivers and Harbors, Jones, and  
Humphrey, of Washington.

Indian Affairs, Hermann, of Oregon.

Mines and Mining, Williamson, of  
Oregon.

Education, Humphrey, of Washington.  
Private Land Claims, Cushman, of  
Washington.

Election of President, Hermann, of  
Oregon.

Irrigation of Ari lands, Williamson,  
of Oregon.

## MORE LAND FRAUDS

Each Day Brings More Evidence  
to Light of Operation.

MANY CERTIFICATES FORGED

Another Bundle of Bogus Certificates  
Has Been Presented to G. C. Brown,  
Clerk of the State Land Board—  
Some Uttered Late as Last October.

Salem, Dec. 11.—Each day brings  
more and more surprising evidences of  
the monumental assurance of the gang  
of school land operators which has re-  
sulted in the swindling of an unknown  
number of persons out of large sums  
of money.

A bundle of forged certificates which  
was presented by persons, who for ob-  
vious reasons, desire George C. Brown,  
clerk of the school land board to with-  
hold their names, show that the for-  
geries of certificates, in the state seal,  
notarial seals, signatures of the officials  
and notaries, does constitute the whole  
of the manufactured evidences perpet-  
rated by the swindlers.

This batch contains forged letters  
written on forged letter heads of the  
estate school land board with the forged  
signatures of Clerk Brown purport-  
ing to inform operators as to the status  
of their land. Also forged receipts of  
pretended payments of different parcels  
of land, with similar rubber stamps us-  
ed by the clerk of the board. These  
forgeries were uttered as late as Oc-  
tober, 1905.

The forged certificates returned to-  
day all passed through S. A. D. Puter,  
now under conviction for conspiracy,  
Horace G. McKinley and others.

Puter and McKinley are both out on  
bonds since their conviction last sum-  
mer in the federal court; their pres-  
ent whereabouts being unknown. Mc-  
Kinley is reported to be in Japan and  
Puter when last heard from was said  
to have been in Chicago.

## JEROME SAYS RYAN MUST ANSWER QUESTIONS

RYAN'S ATTORNEYS ADVISED HIM TO DO SO

Hughes Declined to Say When Ryan Will Be Re-  
called to Witness Stand Probably Will  
Will Be Called Tomorrow.

COMMITTEE INQUIRING INTO PROVIDENT LIFE AFFAIRS

Hughes Brings Out Facts Tending to Show that Frank Hadley of New Bedford,  
Massachusetts, When He Secured Control of the Company, Borrowed \$162,-  
000 from Company and Has Never Repaid the Loans—Money to Buy up  
Insurance Stock.

New York, Dec. 11.—The insurance  
investigation committee, appeared to-  
night to have succeeded in its attempt  
to make Thomas F. Ryan divulge what  
E. H. Harriman said or threatened to  
do to influence him to divide his con-  
trol in the Equitable Life Assurance  
Society. District Attorney Jerome,  
who was asked by the committee to  
take steps to punish Ryan for refusing  
to answer questions about Harriman,  
reported to the committee today. He  
informed Ryan's counsel Ryan ought  
to answer. Jerome also wrote the com-  
mittee he believes Ryan will answer if  
brought before the committee again.  
Hughes has declined to say when Ryan  
will be recalled, but it is presumed he  
will take the witness stand tomorrow  
or the following day.

Subsequently Guthrie, Cravath and  
Henderson, counsel for Ryan, gave out  
a statement that they have advised  
Ryan he should answer questions and  
he is prepared to do so whenever re-  
called by the investigating committee.

The committee was engaged for part  
of the time today in inquiring into  
the affairs of the Provident Savings Life  
Assurance Society of New York.  
Hughes, the counsel for committee, had  
brought out by questioning President

Scott, of the company that when Frank  
F. Hadley of New Bedford, Mass., se-  
cured control of the company in 1896,  
he borrowed \$162,000 from the company  
on his collateral notes to pay up for  
stock of the insurance company. Scott  
testified that Hadley had never repaid  
the loans and the insurance company  
realized only \$30,000 on the sale of the  
collateral.

Scott testified that his four sons and  
a nephew were employed by the com-  
pany of which he is president.

Hughes read from a statement of  
the legal expenses of the Provident  
Life, a list of five payments made to  
Andrew Hamilton, the legislative agent  
for the New York Life. The witness  
said Hamilton had visited the insur-  
ance departments in Illinois and Kansas  
and possibly some other states to se-  
cure permission for the Provident Life  
to issue a policy on the first year on  
which no reserve would be required.

The company got permission. Ham-  
ilton, the witness said, also acted as  
counsel for the company in a test case  
in which the company resisted the con-  
tentment of the state insurance depart-  
ment of New York that the law impos-  
ing a tax on premiums was retroactive.  
The company won the case.

SULTAN YIELDS

Sends His Reply to Collective Note of  
Powers.

Constantinople, Dec. 11.—The reply  
of the Porte to the collective note re-  
garding Macedonia, presented by the  
powers on December 8th was communi-  
cated to the Austro-Hungarian ambas-  
sador this afternoon. The correspondent  
of the London Daily News, at Constanti-  
nople cables: "The sultan has yield-  
ed. He has accepted the scheme for the  
financial control of Macedonia as em-  
bodied in the last collective note of  
the powers."

TELL HARROWING TALES

Russian Refugees Arrive in the City  
of New York.

New York, Dec. 11.—Five hundred  
Russian refugees many of them witness-  
es of the massacres at Odessa and other  
places arrived here today. Some tell  
graphic stories of their experiences and  
while recounting them, men often break  
into tears. Riots began at the issue-  
ance of the manifesto, they say. They  
assert, that hoodlums were led by dis-  
guised police. In some places jails  
were emptied of the prisoners who at-  
tacked and stole from the Jews. Men  
from the province of Kovino assert the  
police themselves read into the em-  
peror's manifesto an order to kill all  
Jews. According to the refugees, the  
mobs carried knives, stone slabs, iron  
bars, revolvers and clubs. Small chil-  
dren were thrown alive from the third  
story windows. Older children and  
grown up were first butchered and then  
thrown into the streets.

PRACTICE ON CONVICTS' TEETH.

Idaho Dental Students Wishing to Op-  
erate May Practice on Prisoners.

Boise, Dec. 11.—Willy-nilly, the pris-  
oners in the Idaho penitentiary are to  
have their teeth filled or pulled, as  
necessary. The state board of dental  
examiners will meet in Boise Decem-  
ber 27, 28, and 29 to examine appli-  
cants for licenses to practice dentistry  
in the Gem State. Two days will be  
devoted to the written examination, as  
has been customary in the past, but as  
an innovation, on the third day, a trip  
will be made to the penitentiary, and  
the class of ten or a dozen young den-  
tists will be put to work on the teeth  
of those prisoners who have diseased in-  
cisors or hollow molars.

The members of the examining board  
will watch the young men at work,  
this procedure constituting a consider-  
able portion of the examination.

HAVE NARROW ESCAPE.

New York, Dec. 11.—A touring auto-  
mobile containing Mrs. W. A. Burke,  
Louis Haggerty and his sister, and  
Justin O'Brien, son of Judge Morgan J.  
O'Brien, came near plunging over the  
steel viaduct yesterday at 155th street,  
just west of Eighth avenue. A portion  
of the iron fence along the side of the  
viaduct was torn away and the only  
thing that saved the machine from go-  
ing to the street, 75 feet below was one  
of the posts of the railing. The car  
had crossed the viaduct and was well  
over West of Eighth avenue when the  
sprocket chain broke. At this point  
is a steep decline and when the chain

snappped the machine started backing  
down the viaduct. The emergency  
brake failed to work and the car kept  
backing with increasing speed and at  
last struck the iron fence tearing a  
portion of it away. The driver kept  
his head throughout and called to the  
passengers that the iron post would  
save them. The rear part of the ma-  
chine actually backed over the via-  
duct, but the post caught it in such  
a way that it was saved from dropping  
to the street. Men who had witnessed  
the accident, rushed to the machine and  
got the women out. Later they return-  
ed home in a cab.

REACH AGREEMENT.

Three Railroads Come to an Under-  
standing on Rates.

Seattle, Dec. 11.—An agreement was  
reached tonight between the state rail-  
way commission and the heads of the  
traffic departments on the Great North-  
ern, Northern Pacific and the Oregon  
Railway & Navigation Companies, whereby  
the railways will accept the findings of  
a commission on the joint rate ques-  
tion and will agree not to take the  
question into the courts, on the new  
schedule of joint rates as estab-  
lished. The most important item  
not in the agreement for the new joint  
tariff is wheat. The railways will not  
agree to a change in the present rate on  
wheat, and have decided to allow that  
matter to pass for the present.

## NO MENTION MADE

In Senate of the Death of Senator  
Mitchell.

NAME STRUCK FROM ROLLS

Senate Session Proved Interesting for  
Four Hours—Time Is Taken up in  
Spirited Debates on Railroad and  
Panama Canal Questions.

Washington, Dec. 11.—With spirited  
debates on subjects of railroad legisla-  
tion arising through the introduction of  
a bill by Tillman to authorize the In-  
terstate commerce commission to fix  
the maximum rates, and the Panama  
canal, due to a controversy over the  
reference of the emergency appropri-  
ation bill to a committee, today's ses-  
sion of the Senate continuously proved  
interesting for more than four hours.

Adjournment was taken without  
mention of the late Senator Mitchell of  
Oregon and so for the first time the  
death of a Senator was permitted to  
pass unnoticed by the Senate. The  
erasure of Mitchell's name from the rolls  
followed. Chaplain Hale re-called the  
situation to mind in his prayer by re-  
ferring pointedly to corruption and  
death and by praying that members of  
the Senate be given strength to bear  
each other's burdens.

The Panama bill was referred to the  
appropriation committee by a vote of  
40 to 23.

THIRTY SIX THOUSAND BIRDS.

New York, Dec. 11.—Trilling sweet  
melodies of their different lands, 36,000  
birds, mostly songsters kept the steer-  
age passengers of the Hamburg-American  
liner *Patricia* happy from the first  
day after it left Dover until it reached  
port yesterday. There were 200 Russian  
Jews in the steerage fleeing from the ill-  
fated empire and the little songsters  
did much to keep them happy during  
the passage.

## CHAOS REIGNS IN RUSSIA

Government Is Against Un-  
iversal Suffrage.

SITUATION IS OMINOUS

Reaction and Revolution Confront  
Each Other in a Death  
Struggle.

WITTE'S MINISTRY MUST FALL

Government to Inaugurate Program of  
Repression—May Mobilize Cossack  
Strength of 400,000 in Effort to Crush  
Revolutionary Forces.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 11.—It is learn-  
ed on high authority that the govern-  
ment has finally decided against uni-  
versal suffrage and practically in favor  
of the old project of 21 workmen rep-  
resentatives and the extension of the  
ballot to small rent payers, merchants  
and the educated classes.

Railroad men claim they have been  
informed that several sections in the  
southwestern systems have already re-  
sponded to the appeal for a general  
strike. Cooler heads, however, are ad-  
vising against any precipitate ac-  
tion which might result in failure and  
are urging the postponement of action  
until organization throughout the coun-  
try have been consulted.

The situation is exceedingly ominous.  
Public opinion is practically unanimous  
that the government has entered upon a  
fatal path of reaction and Witte's min-  
istry must fall. Reaction and revolu-  
tion confront each other in a death  
struggle. Both Trepoff and General  
Count Ignatieff, according to popular  
impression, are being held in reserve  
to execute the program of repression.  
Again it is said the entire Cossack  
strength of 400,000 will be mobilized  
in a supreme effort to crush the rev-  
olutionary force.

General Parzenoff said: "I think we  
are coming to rivers of blood in which  
the revolutionary party will lose their  
game and Russia her liberty." Certain-  
ly the appearance of St. Petersburg  
and the events here today seem to jus-  
tify this black picture of the future.  
Remnants of the workmen's council  
with delegates from the railroad men's  
union and other organizations are hold-  
ing a meeting tonight to decide the  
question of a general strike. If the  
government deliberately plans to chal-  
lenge now, it has a chosen it's time  
well as the funds in the organization  
are low and the workmen are tired  
of the strike and starvation.

ROOSEVELT CONGRATULATES

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 11.—At the home  
of Edward Morris yesterday triplet  
babies, two boys and a girl, were  
christened and a congratulatory letter  
from President Roosevelt was read. It  
was written by Secretary Loeb.

## NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS LOST IN WRECKED CAR

Denver, Dec. 11.—A special to the  
Times from Rock Springs, Wyoming,  
says: Ninety thousand dollars in gold  
belonging to a shipper whose name the

railroad and express company will not  
disclose, was in one of the cars on the  
overland limited, which was wrecked  
and burned last week at Ahsay, and  
cannot be found.